

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claim 11 and leaves claims 1-10 and 12 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-10 and 12.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. As indicated above, claim 11 was canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,583,989 to Guyer, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,715,571 to Soltow, et al. As indicated above, claim 11 was canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-10 and 12 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-10 and 12 is respectfully requested.


To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the

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